



Invitation for Pre-Proposals

EPA Targeted Watersheds Grants - 2006 / 2007

Implementation Projects

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The Maine Department of Environmental Protection is sending this invitation for pre-proposals to Maine watershed management practitioners. Please forward this to anyone you think might be interested.

EPA's Targeted Watersheds Grant Program - 2006 / 2007

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently announced the Targeted Watersheds Grant Program to encourage successful community-based approaches and management techniques to protect and restore the nation's waters. Up to \$16 million will be available nation-wide for projects. EPA anticipates that typical grant awards for the selected watersheds will range from \$600,000 to \$900,000. *The Targeted Watersheds Grant Program* is a competitive grant program that encourages the protection and restoration of the country's water resources through cooperative conservation. The program supports collaborative watershed partnerships that are ready to implement on-the-ground restoration and protection activities designed to achieve quick, measurable environmental results. The goal is to build on existing partnerships and coalitions that have evaluated and assessed their watershed, devised a technically sound watershed plan and are ready to embark on steps to implement their plans.

Proposals must be nominated by the State Governor or Tribal Leader. Detailed information may be found by visiting EPA's Targeted Watersheds webpage: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/>. View the page labeled "2005 Targeted Watersheds" for brief summaries of projects that EPA funded last year.

Invitation to Submit Pre-Proposals

MDEP invites submission of a pre-proposal for a watershed project from any interested party. Be sure to review the description of the Targeted Watersheds Grant Program on the EPA website to help ensure you understand EPA's RFP. Prepare a pre-proposal concisely in no more than three pages of single spaced text - no attachments. Pre-proposals should address the following:

1. Watershed Characterize the watershed problem / need, watershed assessments, and watershed plans.
2. Project Mgt. Describe qualifications and experience of the grantee & people who will manage the project.
3. Project Work Describe the work to be done; grant funds request; sources & amount of nonfederal match.
4. Broad Support Describe expected participation of partners and other stakeholders.
5. Evaluation How will environmental results will be evaluated.
6. Env. Results Anticipated environmental results of the proposed project

Pre-proposals (paper or electronic copy) must be received at the MDEP Augusta office no later than Thursday **September 14, 2006**. Send the pre-proposal to the agency contact named below.

DEP Review Committee

A DEP review committee will evaluate pre-proposals and select the most competitive projects. Then, applicants will develop complete proposals according to EPA instructions. In November, DEP will ask Governor Baldacci for the nomination letter for the proposal package.

Schedule

DEP invites Pre-proposals for consideration:	August 25, 2006
Due date to submit Pre-proposal:	September 18
DEP evaluates pre-proposals; notifies applicants:	September 22
Selected applicant(s) provides complete proposal to DEP:	November 06
DEP obtains nomination letter from Governor:	November 09
Applicant submits proposal package to EPA:	November 13

Agency Contact - For More information

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